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SALT LAKE UNIFIED FIRE



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CORNER CANYON FIRE UPDATE

Salt Lake City, August 27, 2008 – The Corner Canyon fire has burned 808 acres of Forest Service and private land above Draper City. It is burning in brush and mixed conifer with minimal fire activity yesterday due to cooler temperatures and higher humidity. The fire is currently 35% contained. The incident fire management team is anticipating 100% by 9 p.m. on Thursday, August 28, 2008. The U.S. Forest Service and Salt Lake Unified Fire Authority are managing the fire incident under a unified command.

There are currently 187 personnel assigned to the fire. A total of four hand crews were transported by helicopter to the fire yesterday. Two of the crews camped out on the mountain last night. An additional two crews are expected to join the effort on the mountain today, building containment line. There are three helicopters on site including one Type I helicopter capable of carrying 2,000 gallons of water.

The threat to structures is minimal at this time; however five engines will remain in the area to patrol the hillside roads along with providing support to the hand crews.

CLOSURES. All roads leading east into the incident area will remain closed. The Bonneville Shoreline Trail in the Draper area is closed to the public. Fire management requests that public travel along Highland Drive should be minimal due to fire traffic. Officials also ask that there be **no stopping** along Highland Drive. Draper City Park and the Draper Rodeo Grounds are being used by the fire management personnel.

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This fire was human caused and is under investigation. Anybody with information pertaining to the origin of the fire is asked to contact Unified Fire Authority (801) 743-7100.

Fire managers request that individuals stay out of the fire area, for both firefighter and public safety.

For additional information visit the www.utahfireinfo.gov.

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